HYBRID SET-TOP BOX FOR DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

ABSTRACT

A system for playing music uses a playlist server in communication with the Internet. The playlist server has a plurality of playlists stored thereon. A content server is also in communication with the Internet. The content server has a plurality of songs stored thereon. A rendering device plays songs. A set-top box in communication with the rendering device facilitates communication of the songs from the content server to the rendering device via the Internet. A remote control controls the set-top box. The remote control is configured to obtain a playlist from the playlist server, facilitate selection of a song from the playlist, and control the set-top box so as to cause the set-top box to download the song and cause the song to play on the rendering device.